

1: 151), who noted it from the sandhills on Hayling Island. Goater (1974, *Butterflies and Moths of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight*, 105) in the absence of available corroboration, rightly placed the latter within square brackets, but the V.C.H. record is in fact correct, and *blandulella* is a good Hampshire species. In the British Museum (Nat. Hist.) are four of W. B. Fletcher's *blandulella* from Hayling dated 1891, and one suspects there are others from there in the Fletcher collection at Cambridge. There is also in the BMNH, a series of about 30 *blandulella* from Deal and Sandwich taken during the 1880's, including the lectotype. In conclusion, I wish to thank both Mr. Bradford and Dr. Sattler for kindly determining my example of *blandulella*. — J. M. CHALMERS-HUNT.

THE SWALLOW-TAIL MOTH IN OCTOBER. — I must record with surprise the arrival on the night of October 22nd 1980 at my m.v. trap here of a male *Ourapteryx sambucaria* L. (Swallow-tail Moth) in very good condition. It seems an exceptionally late date although South reports in *The Moths of the British Isles* a 1904 record from Gravesend, Kent also on October 22nd. — K. G. W. EVANS, 31, Havelock Rd., Croydon, Surrey CR0 6QQ.

CYNTHIA CARDUI (L.). — Whilst walking along a ride in the Halwill Forest, four miles east south east of Holsworthy, Devon on June 7th 1980, two *C. cardui* were seen flying over their "territories". Close examination showed that one was in pristine condition and appeared freshly emerged. — A. J. BALDWIN, 33, Defoe Ave., Kew Gardens, Surrey.

COURTSHIP BEHAVIOUR BY A WOOD WHITE: LEPTIDEA SINAPIS L. — On Sunday, 10th August, 1980, whilst in Kingspark Wood, West Sussex, I happened to meet Miss D. Ashby who later pointed out to me the courtship behaviour of this butterfly of which I had no previous knowledge. A male had flown to a sitting female and settled facing her. He was soon seen to be striking her across the base of her antennae with his extended proboscis. After a little while, perhaps because of our close observation, he flew away. I wonder if this could be a means of establishing whether she had paired? — S. L. MEREDITH, 5, Rutlish Road, Merton Park, London SW19 3AL.

REQUEST FOR RECORDING RELEASES OF CLOSTERA ANACHORETA D. & S. — In view of the large numbers of larvae of this species which were distributed around the country during 1980 I feel that some sort of record should be kept of the areas where surplus specimens have been released. If this is not done future records of the occurrence of the moth as an immigrant will have little value. I will therefore make a start by giving districts where I released specimens. These are larvae at Slindon Park Woods, West Sussex; New Forest (Denny Wood and Lady Cross); and imagines at Walberswick, Suffolk. If the insect manages to establish itself it will not matter anyway, but if it largely dies out, such records may help to establish which are new immigrants and which are the result of releases. — H. E. CHIPPERFIELD, The Shielling, Walberswick, Suffolk.